GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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ARDHA SAPTA GRAM COLLIERY OF ECL
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ardha Sapta Gram Colliery of Eastern Coalfields Limited has been lying closed since long; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b): There is no mine/colliery by the name Ardha Sapta Gram with the Eastern Coalfields Limited

(ECL).However, ECL has a mine by the name of Ardhagram. ECLhad started operations in this mine in 1998-99 but decided to suspend operations in 1999-2000 as the performance of this mine was seriously affected and it was incurring losses mainly due to:-

i) continuous agitation by local villagers demanding employment which was not due as per company rules;

ii) law & order problem including threat of assault on executives;

iii) not allowing despatches of coal through village road; and

iv) not allowing movement of machineries outside the mine even for undertaking repairs.